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SUBJ: CANADIAN MISSION TO ANGOLA

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1. I BELIEVE THE CANADIANS WILL HAVE MANY FEWER PROBLEMS AND THAT THEIR MISSION WILL BE MORE PRODUCTIVE IF THEY SEND AN OFFICER FROM KINSHASA TO LUANDA FOR A FEW DAYS TO MEET KEY FIGURES AND SET UP THE GAUVIN MISSION.
2. THERE ARE FOUR FLIGHTS A WEEK BETWEEN LUANDA AND KINSHASA AND THERE WILL BE NO NEED TO SPEND MORE THAN THREE DAYS HERE.
3. THE ADVANCE MAN SHOULD CALL UPON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL, THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, ECONOMY, FINANCE AND LABOR, AS WELL AS OTHERS, IF TIME PERMITS.
4. IF THE CANADIANS WILL NOT SEND THEIR MAN HERE FROM KINSHASA A MESSAGE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LISBON FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER IS AN ALTERNATIVE. THIS ROUTE WILL BE SLOW AND PROBABLY UNSATISFACTORY. WHICHEVER ROUTE THEY CHOOSE,

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THE CANADIANS SHOULD, OF COURSE, GIVE OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE

PORTUGUESE.

5. THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE DETERMINED TO AVOID ANY DEPENDENCY ON PORTUGAL AND THEY WILL NOT OBJECT TO A DIRECT COMMUNICATION FROM THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL ROTATES MONTHLY. FOR MARCH THE CHAIRMAN IS LOPO FORTUNATO FERREIRA DO NASCIMENTO OF MPLA. FOR APRIL IT WILL BE DR. JOSE ALBERTO N'DELE OF UNITA. IN MAY THE CHAIR WILL REVERT TO JOHNNY PINNOCK EDUARDO OF FNLA. THE CHAIRMAN PRESIDES OVER THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, A BODY COMPOSED OF THE MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES OF STATE.

6. I CANNOT OVERSTATE THE IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL CONTACTS IN THE CONFUSED AND CONFUSING SITUATION HERE AND I REITERATE THAT THE PREFERRED ROUTE IS TO SEND AN OFFICER FROM KINSHASA. KILLORAN

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